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1. CODEL MAY WISH TO DRAW UPON FOLLOWING ARRIVAL STATEMENT
IN EVENT QUERIED BY PRESS AT AIRPORT:

ON BEHALF OF THIS CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION, I
WANT TO EXPRESS OUR PLEASURE AT THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
VISIT THE REPUBLIC OF SENEGAL. THE POSITIVE ROLE
SENEGAL PLAYS IN INTERNATIONAL COUNCILS AND IN THE
REGIONAL AFRICAN ORGANIZATIONS IS WELL KNOWN TO THE
AMERICAN CONGRESS. THIS YEAR WE HAVE HAD OCCASION TO
ADMIRE THE FORTITUDE AND UNIFIED SPIRIT WITH WHICH THE
SENEGALESE PEOPLE HAVE ENDURED THE MISFORTUNE OF THE
UNPRECEDENTED DROUGHT AFFLICTING THE SAHELIAN GOVERNMENT.
I AM PROUD THAT THE CONGRESS THIS YEAR HAS SUPPORTED

YOU BY APPROVING FUNDS AND FOODSTUFFS WHEREBY, ALONG
WITH THOSE OF OTHER FRIENDLY COUNTRIES, HAVE HELPED TO
LIGHTEN YOUR BURDEN.

YOUR PRESIDENT HAS VISITED THE UNITED STATES
A NUMBER OF TIMES AND IS WIDELY ADMIRERED IN OUR COUNTRY NOT
ONLY AS A STATESMAN BUT ALSO AS A MAN OF LETTERS.
HIS ACHIEVEMENTS WERE MOST RECENTLY RECOGNIZED THERE
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EARLIER THIS YEAR WHEN THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ARTS

AND LETTERS ELECTED HIM TO HONORARY MEMBERSHIP.
OUR DELEGATION IS ON ITS WAY TO THE MEETING OF
THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY AND THE INTERNATIONAL
BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT IN NAIROBI
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 24. MOST OF US ARE MEMBERS OF
THE BANKING AND CURRENCY COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED
STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WHICH HAS IMPORTANT
RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE AREA OF INTERNATIONAL
FINANCE. OUR VISIT TO SENEGAL WILL GIVE US THE
OPPORTUNITY TO SEE SOME OF THE IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT
WORK UNDERTAKEN IN YOUR COUNTRY WITH IBRD FUNDS.
OUR INTEREST IN THESE MATTERS GROWS OUT OF THE
RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONGRESS AND THE COMMITTEE FOR
APPROPRIATING THE FUNDS WHICH MAKE POSSIBLE THE
UNITED STATES' CONTRIBUTION TO THE IBRD--A
CONTRIBUTION WHICH AMOUNTED LAST YEAR TO MORE THAN
25 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL OF IBRD FUNDS.
DURING OUR VISIT WE ALSO HOPE TO LEARN MORE
ABOUT THE NATION AND PEOPLE OF SENEGAL SO THAT THE
AMERICAN CONGRESS AS A WHOLE WILL BE BETTER INFORMED
ABOUT YOUR COUNTRY. THROUGH THIS PERSONAL CONTACT
WE HOPE TO STRENGTHEN THE FRIENDLY TIES WHICH EXIST
BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

2. PER REFTEL NO INVITATIONS ISSUED TO LOCAL NEWSMEN. AS
NOTED PREVIOUSLY, HOWEVER, QUITE POSSIBLE THEY WILL COME TO
AIRPORT ON THEIR OWN INITIATIVE.

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